(a) how many sittings of Lok Adalats were held in Tripura during 1988 and 1989 and the total amount of money spent on holding the Lok Adalats ; and

(b) whether Government are aware that corrupt practices were indulged in holding Lok Adalat at Bishalghar Block by the Commandant T.S.R. who was associated with organising this Adalat ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected from the Tripura Legal Aid and Advice Board and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Financing of Handloom Industry in the Private Sector by Small Industries Development Bank

1906. SHRI KOTAIAH PRAGADA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Small Industries Development Bank under the Industrial Development Bank of India proposes to undertake financing of the handloom industry in the private sector ; and

(b) if so, what are the norms laid down for the purpose ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has reported that term loans granted by eligible institutions/banks for the purpose of setting up of handloom and hand-operated weaving, reeling and spinning units are eligible for refinance assistance from it under its Composite Loan Scheme.

Assistance under the Composite Loan Scheme is generally extended as composite term loan for equipment finance or working capital or both. Artisans, village and cottage industries and SSIs in the tiny sector are assisted under this scheme. Loans upto Rs. 50,000 are granted under the scheme at a very concessional rate of interest without insisting for the promoter's contribution.

Corruption in Vijaya Bank

1907. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Business Standard of January 12, 1990 regarding corruption in Vijaya Bank ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the Chairman of the Vijaya Bank ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has investigated the matter. Further action is under consideration of RBI.

Use of jute bags in fertilizer and cement industries

1908. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is importing jute from foreign countries ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the guidelines have been issued to use 100% jute bags for fertilizer and cement industries ;